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SUBJECT: TAIPEI CONFERENCE ON MAINLAND AFFAIRS

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1. USLO THOROUGHLY APPRECIATES POINTS RAISED IN REFTEL (C)  
CONCERNING BACKGROUND AND UNOFFICIAL NATURE OF USG  
PARTICIPATION IN TAIPEI CONFERENCE ON MAINLAND AFFAIRS  
SCHEDEDULE FOR DECEMBER. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE NO DOUBTS THAT

INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (IRR) IS A REPUTABLE  
ORGANIZATION.

2. AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT THIS  
CONFERENCE, WHICH DUE TO ITS LOCATION IN TAIPEI MUST  
INEVITABLY INVOLVE ROC REPRESENTATION AS WELL AS U.S.  
PARTICIPANTS, COULD CREATE PROBLEMS FOR U.S. GOVERNMENT  
IN ITS RELATIONS WITH THE PRC. EVEN UNDER THE BEST OF  
CIRCUMSTANCES SOME TOP PRC OFFICIALS MIGHT TAKE  
CONFERENCE AS EVIDENCE OF U.S. INSINCERITY ABOUT IMPROVING  
RELATIONS WITH PEKING, AND WOULD ALSO REGARD AS OFFENSIVE  
THE FACT THAT A CONFERENCE ON "MAINLAND AFFAIRS" WOULD BE  
HELD ON TAIWAN. UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS, WHICH ARE VERY  
DIFFERENT FROM THOSE UNDER WHICH FIRST IRR CONFERENCE HELD IN  
IN 1970, PUBLICITY ON CONFERENCE'S PROCEEDINGS ALMOST

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CERTAINLY WOULD BE FORTHCOMING THROUGH ROC MEDIA AND OTHER

SOURCES FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF DRAWING PEKING'S ATTENTION  
TO THIS AFFAIR.

3. MOREOVER, WE HAVE THE FEELING THAT SOME UNCERTAINTIES  
PRESENTLY EXIST WITHIN TOP LEADERSHIP CIRCLES IN PEKING REGARDING  
FUTURE POLICIES, INCLUDING DESIRABILITY OF IMPROVING  
RELATIONS WITH U.S. IT IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE THAT  
THIS IRR CONFERENCE, DESPITE ITS ACADEMIC AND NON-OFFICIAL  
NATURE, COULD ADD NEW COMPLEXITIES TO POLITICAL INTER-  
RELATIONSHIPS IN PEKING.

4. ACCORDINGLY, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT USG ROLE IN  
CONFERENCE SHOULD BE HELD TO ABSOLUTE MINIMUM. WE ALSO  
BELIEVE THAT THIS ISSUE SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION  
OF SECRETARY KISSINGER PRIOR TO HIS ARRIVAL IN PEKING.

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